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The Honorable Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
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800 Park Avenue, 10th Floor
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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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WAYS & MEANS

Re: Agreement with Convention and Visitors Bureau for Oneida County, Inc.

Dear County Executive Picente:

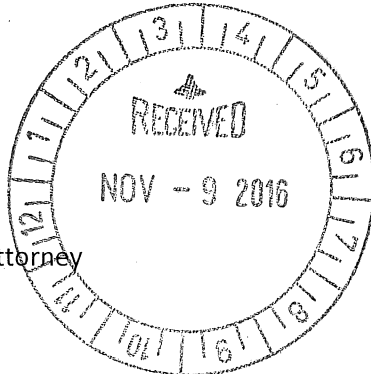
Enclosed, please find an Agreement between the County and Convention and Visitors Bureau for Oneida County, Inc. which allocates the revenue collected from the Hotel Occupancy Tax to Convention and Visitors Bureau for Oneida County, Inc. for the purpose of promoting tourism and convention throughout Oneida County.

For informational purposes, the total Hotel Occupancy Tax collected and paid to Convention and Visitors Bureau for Oneida County, Inc. in 2015 was \$690,807.92. Final 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax numbers are not yet available.

If the enclosed meets with your approval, I respectfully request that you forward the same to the Board of County Legislators for consideration at their next meeting.

Sincerely,

Amanda Lynn Cortese
Special Assistant County Attorney



Enclosures

Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
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Date 11-9-16

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Oneida Co. Department: County Attorney

Competing Proposal _____
Only Respondent _____
Sole Source RFP _____
Federal Agreement/Revenue _____

Oneida County Contract Summary

Name of Proposing Organization: Convention & Visitors Bureau for Oneida County, Inc.
PO Box 551
Utica, New York 13503

Title of Activity or Service: Regional tourism promotion

Proposed Dates of Operation: 10/1/16 – 9/30/17

Client Population/Number to be Served:

Summary Statements

1) Narrative Description of Proposed Services: By way of this agreement the CVB will receive the County's bed tax money to promote tourism and operate the Visitors Information Center.

2) Program/Service Objectives and Outcomes: To help O.C. tourism and therefore the County's economy.

3) Program Design and Staffing:

Total Funding Requested: N/A - Revenue **Revenue Account #:** A1740

The total contract amount is unknown as it is for payment of all Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue. The total amount paid in 2015 was \$690,807.92. Final revenue numbers for 2016 are not yet available.

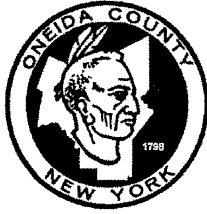
Oneida County Dept. Funding Recommendation: N/A

Proposed Funding Sources (Federal \$/ State \$/County \$): County bed tax revenues

Cost Per Client Served:

Past Performance Data:

O.C. Department Staff Comments:



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FN 20 16-410

WAYS & MEANS

RE: Claimant: Joseph Valvo v. The County of Oneida, New York
Claim No.: 2014-56

Dear County Executive Picente:

The above matter involves a claim by Joseph Valvo arising out of a slip and fall incident which occurred on September 2, 2013 at Union Station.

At the time of the incident, Mr. Valvo was employed as a security guard by L B Security and Investigations, Inc. L B Security and Investigations, Inc. was providing security services to Union Station pursuant to a Contract with the County. While conducting his security tour of Union Station during a power outage caused by a storm, Mr. Valvo slipped and fell in water that had accumulated on the ground of second floor corridor. The water had accumulated on the ground as a result of an open window in the second floor corridor.

The County of Oneida filed a Third-Party Summons and Complaint for indemnification against L B Security and Investigations, Inc. in April, 2016. All parties attended mediation before the Hon. Robert Julian on October 5th and October 11th. After the mediation was complete, it was recommended by the Mediator that the parties settle the matter for the sum of \$200,000.00, with the County of Oneida contributing \$100,000.00 and L B Security and Investigations, Inc. contributing \$100,000.00.

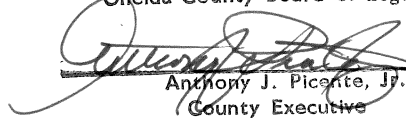
Our attorney, William Schmitt, Esq., has appeared before the Ways and Means Committee in October and November to report on the status of the litigation and the possibility of settlement.

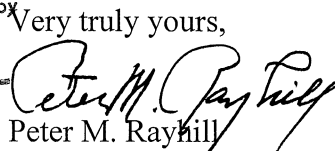
I am requesting authority to settle the above matter for the sum of \$200,000.00, with a contribution of \$100,000.00 from the County of Oneida.

I ask that you forward this request to the Board of Legislators for their November 23, 2016 meeting.

Thank you.

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Very truly yours,

Peter M. Rayhill

Date 11-16-16

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